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Sir:

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Enclosures: Form PTO-1449 (modified) (1 page)  
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**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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	02/078286 A2	10/2002	WO			

**OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)**

	TCPA PC Specific Implementation Specification, Version 1.00, pp. 1-70, (September 9, 2001).	
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